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FKBJE: MINERAL & GEM ENTERPRISES, INC. (MIKE DAVIDOV; H.
MEHDI-TASH); EMERALD EXPLOITATION IN AFGHANISTAN

1. DAVIDOV AND MEHDI-TASH, THE FORMER AN ISRAELI-BORN USC, THE LATTER AN IRANIAN PERMANENT RESIDENT OF US, HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AFGHMN MINISTRY OF MINES & INDUSTRIES FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF EMERALD DEPOSITS IN THE PANJSHIR VALLEY OF AFGHANISTAN. THEIR FIRM, MINERAL & GEM ENTERPRISES, INC. OF LOS ANGELES, IS SAID TO BE A NEW BUSINESS, FORMED FOR OVERSEAS OPERATIONS BY THE FOLLOWING FIRMS -- ALL WITH THE SAME PRINCIPALS: MEHDI GEM CO., LOS ANGELES; MIKE DAVIDOV CO., LOS ANGELES; INTERNATIONAL DIAMOND CO., LOS ANGELES; AND MIKE DAVIDOV CO. TEXAS, OF DALLAS. FOREIGN PARTNERS INCLUDE VLASSIOUS SPANOUS OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL; MEHDITASH OHG, AN IDAR-OBERSTEIN;9.&* \$7 3)\$94*, GERMANY; VANICO S.A. OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND; ICAM GEMS LTD. AND MIKE DAVIDOV CO. OF RAMAT GAN, ISRAEL. NONE OF THE ABOVE FIRMS ARE LISTED IN DUN & BRADSTREET. THE EXPLOITATION WILL REQUIRE A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN AN AREA PREVIOUSLY CLOSED TO FOREIGN BUSINESS AND WHICH WAS THE SITE OF RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES. MR. DAVIDOV HAS BROUGHT IN A SOUTH AFRICAN MINING CONSULTANT TO SURVEY THE SITES AND APPEARS TO BE INTERESTED IN SERIOUSLY PURSUING THIS OPPORTUNITY.

2. MR. DAVIDOV GIVES AS HIS REFERENCES THE JEWELRY BOARD

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OF TRADE IN NEW YORK AND THE WELLS FARGO BANK, PRUSSIAN SQUARE,

LOS ANGELES - MR. J. DORIAN, VICE PRESIDENT.

3. MINISTER OF MINES & INDUSTRIES ASSEFI HAS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR ELIOT TO PROVIDE URGENTLY SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON DAVIDOV, MEHDI-TASH, AND THEIR FIRMS. MR. DAVIDOV HAS REQUESTED THAT THE INFORMATION OF HIS INTEREST IN THIS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. WE WILL APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN IN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE.
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